Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-2 and 6-7 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 3-5 and 8 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-2 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being obvious in view of Ando et al. and Cazier. The rejection of claim 5 is moot due to the cancellation of this claim. Claim 1 is amended to recite features neither disclosed or suggested by the prior art, namely,

> ... parameter information file recording means of recording said parameter information in a parameter information file held on said record medium, **all** parameter information in said parameter information file associated with one data format being **stored sequential to all** parameter information in said parameter information file associated with another data format by using a classification according to said data formats ...
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> ... said data file holding position information is recorded in said data file holding position information file by using said unique data file IDs which are given. (Emphasis added).

Basis for these amendments may be found, for example, in the specification at Fig. 2.

Applicants' exemplary embodiment includes a parameter information file 16 (Fig. 2). The parameter information file 16 includes a header portion 40 and storage portions 44-49. The header portion 40 indicates a position where groups of parameter information are located in storage portions 44-49 for different types of data files (i.e. audio, image and video), as shown in Fig. 2. Further, **all** parameter information for the audio type files, image type files and audio type files are stored **sequential to each other** at positions N, M and K, respectively, as shown at Fig. 2.

Position N represents a recording position of parameter information for the audio type files starting at N byte. Position M represents a recording position of **all** parameter information for the image type files starting at M byte. Position K represents a recording position of **all** parameter information for the video type files starting at K byte. That is, Applicants' exemplary embodiment discloses "... **all** parameter information in said parameter information file associated with one data format being **stored sequential to all** parameter information in said parameter information file associated with another data format by using a classification according to said data formats ," as recited in amended claim 1.

Ando includes a data area on information storage medium 1004, as shown at FIG. 18A. The data area stores information associated with a data file classified according to one data format (i.e. PC FILE). The data area also stores information associated with a data file classified according to another data format (i.e. VIDEO FILE #1). Thus, the Examiner argues that Ando discloses "the parameter information associated with the PC file and the video file as shown in FIG. 18A are stored sequentially according to whether the files are in the format of a PC data or in the format of a video data." (Office Action, page 2, lines 17-20).

However, the data area in Ando also stores another PC FILE after VIDEO FILE #1, as shown between cells F and G of FIG. 18A. That is, part of said data files classified according to one data format (first PC FILE) is stored before said data files classified according to another data format (VIDEO FILE #1). Another part of said data files classified according to one data format (second PC FILE) is stored after said data files classified according to another data format (VIDEO FILE #1). Thus, Ando does not disclose "... **all** parameter information associated with said data files classified according to one data format being **stored sequential to all** parameter information associated with said data files classified according to another data format," as recited in amended claim 1.

Cazier also does not disclose these features.

Applicants' claimed features are advantageous over the prior art because information classified according to one data format can be located more quickly. For example, **all** the information for the audio type files are located by going to the memory location offset at N byte. Further, page 15, lines 7-20 of the specification recites:

> In addition, it classifies the data files according to data formats such as the audio, image and video to store them in the contents list information file, and stores storage positions of the respective classes in the header portion. **Thus, for instance, the reproducing apparatus capable of only reproducing the audio files does not require any information other than the information on the audio files so that, when reading the contents list information file, it is possible to read only the information of the audio file portion without reading any other portion based on the information of the header portion and consequently reduce the time of a reading process and also hold down a memory amount of storing the read data so as to provide an inexpensive reproducing apparatus of high responsivity.** (Emphasis added).

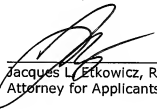
By contrast, Ando cannot locate **all** the information classified according to one data format (PC FILE) by going to a specific memory location because information classified according to another data format (VIDEO FILE #1) is stored at a memory location between the memory locations for the one data format (PC FILE).

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable over the art of record. Claim 2 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 2 is likewise allowable over the art of record.

Claims 6 and 7, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claims 6 and 7 are also allowable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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